

Claims:

1. A patient support comprising:
a frame;
5 a mattress supported by the frame;
a barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the mattress, the barrier including a recess; and
a controller positioned to slide along the barrier, the controller being positioned in the recess.
- 10 2. The patient support of claim 1, wherein the barrier includes a convex surface and the controller includes a concave surface positioned adjacent to the convex surface of the barrier.
3. The patient support of claim 1, wherein the controller is indexed to inhibit improper placement of the controller in the recess.
- 15 4. The patient support of claim 1, wherein the controller is removably coupled to the barrier.
5. The patient support of claim 4, wherein the controller includes a housing and a retainer coupled to the housing to removably couple the housing to the barrier.
- 20 6. A patient support comprising:
a frame;
a mattress supported by the frame;
a barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the mattress, the barrier including an interior surface defining an opening; and
25 a controller positioned to slide along the interior surface.
7. The patient support of claim 6, wherein the controller is removably coupled to the barrier.
8. The patient support of claim 6, wherein the interior surface is convex and the controller includes an upper surface that is concave to complement the interior surface of the barrier.
- 30 9. The patient support of claim 6, wherein the controller includes a housing and a retainer configured to couple the housing to the barrier.

10. A patient support comprising:
a frame;
a mattress supported by the frame, the mattress having a first side and a second side transversely spaced-apart from the first side;
a first barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the first side of the mattress, the first barrier including a first opening formed therein; and
a controller configured to be removably received in the first opening of the first barrier.
11. The patient support of claim 10, wherein the controller is configured to move along the first barrier when received in the first opening.
12. The patient support of claim 10, further comprising a second barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the second side of the mattress, the second barrier including a second opening formed therein to receive the controller.
13. The patient support of claim 11, wherein the controller is configured to move along the second barrier when received in the second opening.
14. The patient support of claim 12, wherein the controller is slidably coupled to the first and second barriers when received in either of the first and second openings.
15. The patient support of claim 10, wherein the controller includes a housing and a retainer configured to couple the housing to the first barrier.
16. A patient support comprising:
a frame;
a mattress supported by the frame;
5 a barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the mattress; and
a controller including a housing and a flexible portion configured to couple the controller to the barrier.
17. The patient support of claim 16, wherein the flexible portion is positioned substantially around a portion of the barrier.
- 10 18. The patient support of claim 16, wherein the controller is removably coupled to the barrier.
19. The patient support of claim 16, wherein the barrier includes an opening and the controller is positioned in the opening.
- 15 20. The patient support of claim 16, wherein the housing includes first and second portions and the flexible portion couples the first and second portions together.

21. A patient support comprising:
a frame;
a mattress supported by the frame;
5 a barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the mattress, the barrier including a recess; and
a controller configured to be pivotably received in the recess.
22. The patient support of claim 21, wherein the recess is an opening extending completely through the barrier.
- 10 23. The patient support of claim 21, wherein the controller pivots downwardly into the recess.
24. The patient support of claim 21, wherein the barrier defines a first longitudinal axis and the controller pivots about a second axis parallel to the first axis.
25. The patient support of claim 21, wherein the recess is shaped to
15 substantially correspond with a shape of the controller.
26. A patient support comprising:
a frame;
a mattress supported by the frame;
a barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the mattress, the
20 barrier including first and second spaced-apart rails; and
a controller including a first interlocking member and a second interlocking member, the first and second interlocking member configured to couple together to removably couple the controller to the barrier.
27. The patient support of claim 26, wherein the first rail is an upper rail,
25 the second rail is a lower rail, and the controller is coupled to the first rail.
28. The patient support of claim 26, wherein the first and second spaced-apart rails are separated by a space, and the controller is positioned within the space.
29. The patient support of claim 26, wherein the controller includes a flexible portion.
- 30 30. The patient support of claim 26, wherein the first interlocking member is positioned on a first end of a flexible portion and the second interlocking member is positioned on a second end of the flexible portion.